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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A free identity theft prevention seminar hosted by the Placer County Sheriff's Department is being held Thursday, March 20, at the Auburn Justice Center in north Auburn.

The informational evening will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the community room of the sheriff's headquarters, which is located at 2929 Richardson Drive.

Detective Jim Hudson, who is a financial crimes expert, will lead the seminar. Hudson has taught hundreds of citizens how to protect themselves against identity theft, which is considered the fastest growing crime in America.

Attendees will learn how to avoid becoming a victim; how to safeguard their identity; how *not* to give out or lose personal information; and how suspects obtain information. Hudson will also relay some very important steps to take if you become a victim of identity theft.

Business owners will also learn to identify customers who may be using stolen personal information. Detective Hudson has investigated and solved hundreds of financial crimes and will relate the problems law enforcement encounters in such cases. He will be available after the class to answer individual questions.

To reserve a spot, call Community Services Officer Shannon Herdegen at (916) 791-5884 or e-mail her at sherdege@placer.ca.gov.